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1. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO HIS DUTIES. HE IS REPORTEDLY "OUTSIDE MOSCOW" AND EXPECTED BACK ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 26. THUS IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DELIVER UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S MESSAGE TO HIM DIRECTLY UNTIL THAT TIME.

2. CHIEF OF MINISTRY'S ADMINISTRATION FOR TRADE WITH COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS, N.V. ZINOV'YEV, TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 5 THAT PATOLICHEV HAD AS PROMISED LAID BEFORE "GOVERNMENT" US PROPOSAL TO BEGIN OIL TALKS IN WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT MINISTRY WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY PROMPTLY WHEN "GOVERNMENT" REACHES DECISION. ZINOV'YEV HINTED DOUBT THAT THIS DECISION WILL COME ABOUT BEFORE PATOLICHEV RESUMES HIS RESPONSIBILITIES BUT SAID HE HAD EVERY REASON TO EXPECT IT BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

3. COMMENT - ZINOV'YEV'S REMARKS IMPLY THAT OIL TALKS COULD NOT BEGIN BEFORE FEBRUARY AT THE EARLIEST.

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